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**Event:** Concert: The Arianna String Quartet

**Date:** Friday, Sept. 15, 2000

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Location:** Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall, 303 E. University Ave., Bloomington

**Admission:** Free, open to the public

**Program:** Music by Franz Schubert (1797-1828), "Quartett-Satz;" Bela Bartok (1881-1945) String Quartet No. 4 and Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904) Quartet in E Flat Major.

**Background:** The Arianna String Quartet--John McGrosso (violin), visiting professor of violin at Illinois Wesleyan University for the 2000-01 academic year; Rebecca Rhee (violin); Mahoko Euchi (viola); and Kurt Baldwin (cello) --was formed in 1992 and is located in St. Louis, Mo. Top prizes in several prestigious competitions have led the quartet to critically acclaimed concerts throughout the United States and Japan.

In 1994, the Arianna String Quartet captured the Grand Prize in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition in South Bend, Ind., and First Prize in the Coleman Competition in Los Angeles, Calif., along with First Prize in the Carmen National Competition in Carmen, Calif. The string quartet also was a finalist in the 1999 Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition in Bordeaux, France. Recently the Arianna String Quartet was appointed Artists/Teachers and Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

Professor McGrosso has a strong family connection to the university. His father John McGrosso, Sr. was professor of clarinet and director of the IWU Concert Band from 1958-1981, and his mother Anna McGrosso also was an assistant professor of piano for several years.

**Contact:** For more information about the Arianna String Quartet, contact the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music office at 309/556-3061.

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